1	2	3
	(ix) Dubai	Rs. 21.69 Lakhs
	(x) Jeddah*	Rs. 6.23 Lakhs
	(xi) Kuwait *	Rs. 1.43 Lakhs
	(xii) Nairobi*	Rs. 0.78 Lakhs
	*Since closed during the year 1991-92.	
2. Projects and Equipment Corpn. of India Ltd.	(i) Moscow	Rs. 26.02 Lakhs
	(ii) Al beida	Rs. 27.92 Lakhs
	(iii) Hanoi	Rs. 39.28 Lakhs
	(iv) Nairobi	Rs. 1.29 Lakhs
3. India Trade Promotion Organisation	(i) Tokyo	Rs. 132.04 Lakhs
	(ii) New York	Rs. 87.73 Lakhs
	(iii) Frankfurt	Rs. 82.62 Lakhs
	(iv) Dubai	Rs. 23.72 Lakhs
4. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)	(i) New York	$2,98,050
	(ii) Tokyo	†72,283,036
5. TEA BOARD	(i) London	Rs. 53.13 Lakhs
	(ii) Brussels	Rs. 40.00 Lakhs
	(iii) New York	Rs. 46.00 Lakhs
	(iv) Dubai	Rs. 34.00 Lakhs
	(v) Moscow	(Yet to function)
6. Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd.	(i) Jordan	Rs. 33.83 Lakhs
	(iii) Seoul	Rs. 50.67 Lakhs
	(iv) Romania	Rs. 17.88 Lakhs
	(iv) Tokyo	Rs. 81.90 Lakhs

Amount spent by Spices Board

713. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount of funds spent by the Spices Board for each spice and its development during the last three years ;

(b) what are the details thereof Spice-wies, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that Spices Board only helps cardmom cultivators ;

(d) whether there has been any demand that pepper cultivators be given assistance since pepper crop has been badly affected by wilt desease and there is steep fall in the market price of pepper in the country; and

(e) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) As per the Spices Board Act, 1986, Spices Board has the mandate to look after the development of both large and small cardamom. However, in case of other export oriented spices, the Board supplements the efforts of Ministry of Agriculture/State Governments for development, in identified critical areas.

(d) and (e) The Union Ministry of Agriculture has approved a major Central Scheme for control of qick wilt disease in pepper through Kerala Government. Considering the seriousness of the disease, the Spices Board has also provided Rs. 20.00 lakhs, during 1992-93 to Kerala Government for taking up a special programme in Idukki, Waynad and Kanpur Districts. Government of Kerala has also submitted a scheme for Market Intervention to Union Ministry of Agriculture.

Statement

Amount of funds spent by Spices Board, Spices-wise, State-wise

(Rs. in Lakhs)

SPICES	State	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
1	2	3	4	5
(a) Small * Cardamom	(i) Kerala	145.52	169.47	165.06
	(ii) Karnataka	72.76	84.74	82.53
	(iii) Tamil Nadu	24.25	28.24	27.51
	Total	242.53	282.45	275.10
(b) Large* Cardamom	(i) Sikkim	29.56	28.87	29.59
	(ii) West Bengal	3.28	3.20	3.28
	Total	32.84	32.07	32.87
(c) Chillies	Karnataka	Nil	10.00	5.00
(d) Ginger	Kreala	Nil	1.89	7.76
(e) Turmeric	Kerala	Nil	1.31	10.37
(f) Black pepper				
	(i) Kerala	8.00	7.00	7.00
	(ii) Karnataka	2.00	2.00	2.40
	Total	10.00	9.00	9.40
(g) Tree Spices	Kerala	Nil	1.00	1.00
(h) Vanilla	(i) Kerala	0.06	0.15	0.30
	(ii) Karnataka	Nil	0.03	Nil
	Total	0.06	0.18	0.30

1	2	3	4	5
(i) Seed Spices	(i) Gujarat	Nil	2.785	1.815
	(ii) Rajasthan	0.8885	18.200	12.300
	(iii) Andhra Pradesh	Nil	3.530	3.175
	(iv) Tamil Nadu	0.195	Nil	Nil
	(v) Punjab	Nil	0.470	Nil
	Total	1.0835	24.9850	17.290

* Allocation are made on schematic basis, Statewise breakups are estimates only.

Withdrawl of minimum Price for FCV Tobacco

714. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the stipulation of minimum export price for F.C.V. Tobacco has been withdrawn since the 16th April, 1993 ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and with what effect ;

(c) whether there are any representations to withdraw the same ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Under the Export-Import Policy as amended from 1st April, 1993 there is no minimum export price (MEP) for FCV tobacco. The MEP condition has been removed as part of the general process of liberalisation of trade.

(c) and (d) Government has not received any representation in this regard.

Visit of Chairman Tobacco Board of Moscow

715. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation visited Moscow headed by Chairman, Tobacco Board to explore the avenues of Tobacco exports ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A 9-member Tobacco Exporters Delegation led by the Chairman, Tobacco Board visited Russia and some other CIS countries from 19th to 27th April, 1993. The report of the delegation is awaited. However, it is learnt that it should be possible to export about 20,000 MTs of cigarette tobacco to these countries within the next one year if necessary funding arrangements are made.

Export of Tobacco

716. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total quantity of F.C.V. Tobacco contract for export so far this year ;